



# FACULTY OF PAIN MEDICINE

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## FPM Trainee e-Newsletter

### Events

#### 2010 Spring Meeting

This year's event "***Transitions in Pain***" is being held from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of October at City Hall in Newcastle. Come and get a sense of Newcastle's transition from industrial town to a diverse and thriving modern city as we consider many broader transitions in contemporary health care. An exciting program of lectures, topical sessions and problem based learning discussions presented by international and national speakers will address key aspects of the emerging paradigm in pain medicine. Focus areas will include model of service delivery, meaning and personal story and the role of lifestyle and nutritional factors.

[Download Registration Form](#)



#### Refresher Course Day 2010

More than 110 pain specialists attended the Refresher Course Day at the Rydges Hotel in Christchurch to hear 12 speakers give presentations on sessions titled "Pain and empathy", "Age, gender and pain", "Regional anaesthesia and acute pain" and "Clinical applications of advances in research". There were three international speakers, Professor Jeffrey Mogil, the E.P. Taylor Professor of Pain Studies at McGill University, Canada; Professor Richard Rosenquist, Fellowship Director, Department of Anaesthesia, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa, USA and Dr Roger Knaggs, Advanced Pharmacy Practitioner, Anaesthesia and Pain Management, Nottingham University Hospitals, NHS Trust, UK. The meeting attracted significant media interest with more than a dozen interview requests from print, radio and TV.

For more information on the sessions including abstracts, audio and video links and photos [click here](#).

### Faculty of Pain Medicine Meet and Greet – Trainee Lunch

The Faculty invited all Pain Medicine trainees registered for the ASM to attend a buffet lunch during the ASM with the aim of providing an opportunity for FPM Trainees to get together and to meet key people from the Faculty. The Dean (Dr Penny Briscoe), Vice-Dean (Dr David Jones), Assessor (Dr Frank New), Supervisor of SoTs (Dr Tim Semple), Chair of Examinations (Dr Ray Garrick), Deputy Chair of Examinations (Dr Meredith Craigie) and the Executive Officer (Ms Helen Morris) also attended to respond to questions about the training program. Faculty trainees, Drs Max Sarma (Tas) and Kerry Thompson (Vic) spoke about their Faculty training and examination experiences and provided valuable insight to current trainees.



### Faculty Annual Dinner

The Faculty dinner was an outstanding evening full of great food, wine and fun. A highly entertaining talk was given by well known New Zealand media personality Gary McCormick. The Christchurch Art Gallery provided a stunning architectural backdrop for the evening's proceedings and dinner guests were able to enjoy the Gallery's exhibits with their pre dinner drinks.

### FPM Dean's Prize and Best Free Paper Award

The Faculty Free Papers session was held on Sunday 2 May at the ASM. The Dean's Prize is awarded for original work judged to be the most significant contribution to pain medicine and/or pain research presented by a trainee, or a Fellow within eight years of Fellowship. This year the prize was awarded and presented at the AGM to Dr Rutha Nerlekar, an ANZCA trainee based in South Australia, for her research paper "Placebo vs nocebo questioning for pain evaluation after caesarean section". Dr Nerlekar was awarded a certificate and a grant of \$1000 for educational or research purposes.



### Presentation of New Fellows

Congratulations to the following trainees who completed their training requirements and were admitted to Fellowship and formally presented at the College Ceremony on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May



#### **By Examination**

Dr Philip Cornish  
Dr Pam Eccles  
Dr Cliff Timmins  
Dr Tania Morris  
Dr Jennifer Stevens  
Dr Aston Wan

#### **By Election**

A/Prof Wayne Gillet

## Trainee News

### **Registration Maintenance Fee**

This is a reminder that the Registration Maintenance Fee (for trainees who are no longer in structured training but have outstanding requirements) is due by 31 May 2010. Trainees in this category wishing to remain registered as a Faculty trainee are required to pay this fee, equal to 25% of the Annual Training Fee. Those choosing not to remain registered, but who later decide to complete their training and/or assessment, will be required to re-enrol as a trainee and pay the associated Training Registration Fee.

If payment is not made the FPM status will change to that of a 'Non-Financial Trainee'. This will mean Faculty publications, mail outs or notifications of events such as Examinations will not be forwarded and access to the member's section of the Faculty website will be withdrawn.

Please contact the Faculty if you have any queries.

### **Associate Fellowship FPM**

The Board has resolved to establish a qualification of "Associate Fellowship" as a form of recognition for those who have completed the Training and Examination requirements of the Faculty but who are not eligible for Fellowship as they do not hold Fellowship of an approved Australian or New Zealand primary specialty. Associate Fellows will become eligible for Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine upon confirmation that their specialist qualification is accepted by the corresponding Australasian College. Regulations are currently being finalised. This will be of particular interest to International Medical Graduates.

# Dates to Remember

## Examination Dates

24-26 November 2010

Barbara Walker Centre for Pain Management at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, VIC

Closing Date for Registration: 8 October 2010

## Pre-Exam Short Course

13-15 October 2010

Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA

Closing Date for Registration: 1 October 2010 (please note the Pre-Exam short course is 4 weeks later than in previous years)

# Reminders

## Case Report

Trainees who have completed their structured period of training, but who have outstanding Case Reports requirements are encouraged to submit these reports for assessment.

## Quarterly In-Training Assessment Reports

Please submit any outstanding ITA reports. The form can be downloaded and needs to be completed by you and your Supervisor of Training and returned to the Faculty. To download [click here](#)

## Exit Questionnaires

Trainees who have completed, or are about to complete, the training requirements are encouraged to complete and return the exit questionnaire. Please [click here](#) to download.

# Feedback

If you would like to comment on the E-Newsletter or have any suggestions or contributions, please contact Hayley Urriola [hurriola@anzca.edu.au](mailto:hurriola@anzca.edu.au)